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## **CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

1. A film comprising a polyethylene composition possessing a density of between 0.940 and 0.970 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, and an  $I_{21}$  value of from 4 to 20 dg/min; characterized in that the polyethylene composition extrudes at a melt temperature,  $T_m$ , that satisfies the following relationship:

$$T_m \le 235 - 3.3 (I_{21})$$

wherein the polyethylene composition is extruded at a specific throughput of from 1 to 1.5 lbs/hr/inch; and wherein the polyethylene composition formed into a film has a gel count of less than 100.

- 2. A film comprising a polyethylene composition possessing a density of between 0.940 and 0.970 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, and an I<sub>21</sub> value of from 4 to 20 dg/min; characterized in that the polyethylene composition extrudes at a melt temperature that is from 2 to 20°C less than multi-reactor polyethylene compositions possessing a density of between 0.940 and 0.970 g/cm<sup>3</sup> and an I<sub>21</sub> value of from 4 to 20 dg/min extruded under the same conditions; further characterized in that the film has a gel count of less than 100.
- 3. A film comprising a polyethylene composition, the polyethylene composition comprising a high molecular weight component having a weight average molecular weight of greater than 50,000 amu and a low molecular weight component having a weight average molecular weight of less than 50,000 amu; the polyethylene composition possessing a density of between 0.940 and 0.970 g/cm³, and an I<sub>21</sub> value of less than 20 dg/min and a Mw/Mn value of from greater than 35; characterized in that the film has a gel count of less than 100.
- 4. The film of Claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the polyethylene composition comprising a high molecular weight component having a weight average molecular weight of

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greater than 50,000 amu and a low molecular weight component having a weight average molecular weight of less than 40,000 amu.

- 5. The film of Claim 4, wherein the low molecular weight component possesses a weight average molecular weight of less than 30,000 amu.
- 6. The film of Claim 4, wherein the low molecular weight component has a weight average molecular weight of less than 20,000 amu.
- 7. The film of Claim 4, wherein the low molecular weight component has a weight average molecular weight of less than 15,000 amu.
- 8. The film of Claim 1 or 2, wherein the polyethylene composition has an  $M_w/M_n$  value of from greater than 35.
- 9. The film of Claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the polyethylene composition has an  $M_w/M_n$  value of from greater than 40.
- 10. The film of Claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the polyethylene composition has an elasticity of greater than 0.60.
- 11. The film of Claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the polyethylene composition is free of hard foulants.
- 12. The film of Claim 1 or 2, wherein the polyethylene composition extrudes at a specific throughput of from 1 to 1.4 lbs/hr/inch.
- 13. The film of Claim 1 or 2, wherein the polyethylene composition extrudes at a specific throughput of from 1 to 1.3 lbs/hr/inch.
- 14. The film of Claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the film is produced by the steps comprising:

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(a) first forming a polyethylene composition comprising incorporating the high molecular weight polymer into the low molecular weight polymer formed by contacting ethylene and  $C_3$  to  $C_{12}$   $\alpha$ -olefins, an alkylaluminum, water, and a bimetallic catalyst composition; followed by

- (b) extruding the polyethylene composition to form pellets while optionally adding oxygen, to form pellets of polyethylene composition;
- (c) isolating pellets of polyethylene composition;
- (d) extruding the polyethylene composition in an extruder to form a film.
- 15. The film of Claim 14, wherein from 0.01 to 14 SCFM of oxygen is added to the polyethylene composition during step (b).
- 16. The film of Claim 1, 2, 3, wherein the polyethylene composition is produced in a single continuous gas phase reactor process.
- 17. The film of Claim 1 or 2, and wherein the film has a gel count of less than 50.
- 18. The film of Claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the weight percent of the high molecular weight component is greater than 50 wt% relative to the total polyethylene composition as measured by GPC.
- 19. The film of Claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the weight percent of the high molecular weight component ranges from 50 to 80 wt% relative to the total polyethylene composition as measured by GPC.
- 20. The film of Claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the polyethylene composition comprises poly(ethylene-*co*-1-butene).
- 21. The film of Claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the polyethylene composition is extruded using a motor load of less than 80 % the maximum motor load.